CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
JULY 20, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, Executive Administrator Toni Lane, and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:07 p.m. for PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager & City Attorney

INVOCATION
Jeff Hoyos, Lead Pastor of Church for Life, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Solid Waste Manager Heriberto Cantu, Code Enforcement Supervisor Joylyn Castaing, Associate Planner Cody Graybehl, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Senior Civil Engineer Eric Riddiough, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that City Manager Stilwell and he received very favorable evaluations and that their performance-based pay would take effect as scheduled.

1 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
Written communication was received from Eileen Monahan of Creative Early Care & Education Solutions requesting the County of Santa Barbara (and cities within the County) contribute five percent of their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocations toward building a childcare infrastructure to support systems of care, help parents return to work, and prepare Countywide systems for future emergencies.

Isaac Beruman commented on the recent rise in crime in the community and encouraged the City to continue its financial support of programs for the younger generation who will be the incoming leaders of the future.

Matthew Woody spoke about fireworks and their effects on him as a veteran with PTSD. He said he has to move out of the area every year to avoid hearing them. He questioned whether there was another way to support the 23 charities that fireworks sales support.

Nancy Stewart thanked the City Council and City Staff for their hard work over the last year.

Jacqui Bantam spoke about the request of Santa Barbara County cities to contribute five percent to childcare infrastructure.

Eileen Monahan reiterated the request for a five percent contribution to childcare infrastructure using ARPA funds.

2 APPOINTMENTS

A. The City Council considered making appointments to the *Block Grants Advisory Committee*, the *Library Board of Trustees,* and the *Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee.* Councilmembers Cordero and Escobedo postponed their appointments to the August 3rd City Council meeting.

Action: Robert Doyle, Ryan Fisher, and Patricia Solorio were reappointed to the Block Grants Advisory Committee for terms ending in July 2024.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

Action: Margaret Cooper and Sara Lougee were reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees for terms ending in July 2024.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

Action: Betty Gunn was reappointed to the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee for a term concurrent with the Annual Countywide Library Agreement.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Patino pulled Item 3C (second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-04 regarding Employee Housing) for a separate vote.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3G (except 3C) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-79 and 2021-80. Item 3C was approved on a 3-2 vote, including the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-04. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Full readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 15, 2021.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-04 repealing portions of Ordinance No. 2019-04 containing the employee housing ordinance in Title 12 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code.

Action: Ordinance No. 2021-04 adopted repealing portions of Ordinance No. 2019-04.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2021-04. 3-2. Noes: Mayor Patino and Councilmember Waterfield.

D. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution establishing the City of Santa Maria's 2021-22 Appropriation Limit.

Action: FY2021-22 Appropriation Limit approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-79. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution granting a Reciprocal Access and Parking Easement Agreement and Temporary Construction Easement (APN's 119-274-004 and 119-274-005) with Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County to provide access and parking for Chapel Plaza.

Action: Reciprocal Access and Parking Easement Agreement with Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-80. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATION

A. **FIREWORKS UPDATE.** The City Council received a presentation on the July 4th fireworks activity in the community. Fire Chief Tuggle and Police Chief Schneider gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

There was a consensus of the City Council to direct staff to continue reviewing options to enhance education, enforcement, penalties, and community willingness relating to illegal and Safe and Sane fireworks use.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **2021 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM.** The City Council conducted a public hearing to consider protests to the proposed assessments for the City's Annual Weed Abatement Program to be collected as part of the 2021-22 property tax rolls. Code Enforcement Supervisor Castaing gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the weed abatement costs for assessment purposes.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-81. 5-0.

B. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS 2021-22 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT.** The City Council conducted a public hearing and considered approving a substantial amendment to the 2021-22 Action Plan. Community Programs Manager Rojo gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the substantial amendment of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Approved as Resolution No. 2021-82. 5-0.

C. **MANRIQUEZ COMMERCIAL GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE AT 1429 SOUTH BLOSSER ROAD.** The City Council reviewed (1) a Mitigated Negative Declaration of the environmental impact; and (2) a General Plan Land Use Map Amendment and Zone Change (GPZ2020-0002) for Manriquez Commercial to designate a 6.74-acre site **FROM** General Industrial (GI) land use designation / General Manufacturing (M-2) zoning designation **TO** Community Commercial (CC) land use designation / Planned Development/General Commercial (PD/C-2) zoning designation. Community Development Director Ng gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

On June 2, 2021, the Planning Commission voted 3-0 (Abstain: Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Lopez) to recommend that the City Council approve a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the proposed project; and recommend that the City Council approve the General Plan Land Use Map Amendment and Zone Change, GPZ2020-0002.

Brian Schwartz of Urban Planning Concepts gave a brief presentation on behalf of the applicant, Julie Reynosa.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for Manriquez Commercial Project General Plan Land Use Map Amendment and Zone Change (GPZ2020-0002) for 6.74 acres located at the Northwest corner of South Blosser Road and La Brea Avenue.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-83 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving a General Plan Land Use Policy Map amendment for Manriquez Commercial (GPZ2020-0002) for 6.74 acres located at the northwest corner of South Blosser Road and La Brea Avenue FROM GI (General Industrial) TO CC (Community Commercial).
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-84. 5-0.

Action: Introduce an Ordinance for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, amending the Official Zoning Map for Manriquez Commercial (GPZ 2020-0002) for 6.74 acres located at the northwest corner of South Blosser Road and La Brea Avenue FROM M-2 (General Manufacturing) TO PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) zoning district.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2021-05. 5-0.

D. **LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS ASSESSMENTS.** The City Council considered protests related to the 2021-2022 Annual Assessments for the City's four Landscape Maintenance Districts – Northwest Landscape Maintenance District, Northeast Landscape Maintenance District, Southwest Landscape Maintenance District, South Miller Street/South College Drive Landscape Maintenance District, and the 24 associated Special Benefit Zones. Director of Recreation & Parks Posada gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment rates for the Northwest Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-9, and its associated Special Benefit Zones for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-85. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment rates for the Northeast Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-10, and its associated Special Benefit Zones for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-86. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment rates for the Southwest Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-11, and its associated Special Benefit Zones for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-87. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment rates for the Southeast/South Miller Street/South College Drive Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-6, and its associated Special Benefit Zones for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-88. 5-0.

6 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **SANTA MARIA PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE.** The City Council received a presentation on City roadway conditions and maintenance programs; and considered a Resolution confirming City standards, policy, and procedure to extend pavement infrastructure useful life. Joe Ryrie of Pavement Engineering, Inc. and Principal Civil Engineer Riddiough gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming City standards, policy, and procedure to extend pavement infrastructure useful life.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-89. 5-0.

B. **UPDATE ON THE CITY'S REMAINING EMERGENCY ORDERS ADOPTED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19.** The City Council received an update on the City's existing Emergency Orders adopted in response to COVID-19. City Manager Stilwell gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report and emphasized that staff's recommendation is to not take any action on current emergency orders (which will be in place until September 30.) The County of Santa Barbara is recommending that, regardless of vaccination status, everyone wear masks indoors.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be August 3, 2021, at the Grogan Community Center, 1155 West Rancho Verde. Items on the agenda would include a 6:00 p.m. public hearing on redistricting based on 2020 census numbers. The City Council meeting on August 17th will be back in Chambers and the September 7th City Council meeting will be at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 313 West Tunnell Street. Two further redistricting meetings are scheduled for March 2022.

Mr. Stilwell also introduced the new Assistant City Manager, Andrew Hackleman.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmembers Soto, Waterfield, and Cordero had no AB1234 reporting.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the Airport District meeting; the 2020 Awards BBQ put on by the Santa Maria Police Department; a CA Cities Illegal Fireworks roundtable; and a District 1 Community Meeting.

Mayor Patino reported she attended two monthly SBCAG and APCD Board meetings; several California Alliance of Local Electeds meetings; a Performing Arts Center committee meeting; a Board of Supervisor's meeting; a Marian Foundation Board of Directors meeting; a Riverside County anti-human trafficking meeting; a meeting with CALM; a UCSB Economic Forecast Project meeting; and a CA Cities Illegal Fireworks roundtable.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on August 3, 2021.

8/5/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

8/5/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria